



The Candice Richardson Jazz Center officially opens in Oranjestad

When one takes the short walk up the stairs to the dance studio above the Mango store on Caya Betico Croes they will find it will help them warm up their legs for the demanding one hour lessons of jazz or tap dance by one of Aruba's most experienced teachers in the field, Candice Richardson. With practice and determination, it is possible that one can move with the feline grace of Candice, a veteran performer at thirty who has trained in Amsterdam and holds a degree in dance from the European Academy of Jazz Dance.

Holland came to know Candice by her many television appearances with the dance troupes of Joop van den Ende, Ted de Braak and Henny Huisman. She was a regular on the popular musical variety show "The 123 Show" with William Ruys. Other numerous appearances with singing stars Vaness Forrest and Al Jareau, and touring in Germany, even behind the "iron curtain" established her on the European continent as one of the premiere jazz dancers.

Candice returned to her native Aruba to perform and teach in 1988, many have seen her in the shows at the Aladdin Theatre and La Cabana. During this eleven year period of performing she also set two records in the Guinness Book of Records, one for dancing for twelve hours non-stop, the other for swimming thirty-three hours,

Candice was pleased to cap off this life of achievement by opening the doors of her Jazz Dance Studio on Monday evening, October 9. The opening also hails the reformation of her jazz dance group "Stardust," which has already been booked for a number of performances. Classes offered start for ages five to adult, and are divided into age groupings. They include Jazz, Tap and Street Dance instruction for beginners and intermediates, and the "Stardust" group is for advanced Jazz and Tap dancers. Classes are conducted hourly beginning at 4:00 P.M until the last class at 8:00 PM. Schedules and information can be obtained at the dance studio. The dance year is ten months, with varying annual fees due semi-annually, but a monthly pay schedule can be arranged. Candice promises to keep the classes small and to lavish the students with a great deal of "personal attention."

During the opening celebration, Candice and her current troupe of "Stardust" dancers, Melissa, Chantilly, Diantha, Talisa and Semina gave an impressive demonstration. Comments about the quality of the school and instruction can be found at comments@candicesjazzcenter.com. For more information and inscription call telephone # 560-1618 or 965-3571, or visit the studio, which is accessible from the entrance in the parking lot behind the building.